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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE**

NORTHSHORE SHEET METAL, INC.,  
Plaintiff,  
v.

Case No. 2:15-cv-01349-BJR

**AMENDED STIPULATED  
PROTECTIVE ORDER**

SHEET METAL WORKERS  
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION,  
LOCAL 66  
Defendant.

**1. PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS**

Discovery in this action is likely to continue to involve production of confidential, proprietary, or private information for which special protection may be warranted. Due to the filing of the Second Amended Complaint in this action, the parties hereby stipulate to and petition the court to enter the following Amended Stipulated Protective Order ("this agreement"). This agreement is consistent with LCR 26(c). It does not confer blanket protection on all disclosures or

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1 responses to discovery. The protection it affords from public disclosure and use extends only to the  
2 limited information or items that are entitled to confidential treatment under applicable legal  
3 principles, and it does not presumptively entitle parties to file confidential information under seal.  
4 The terms of this amended Stipulated Protective Order shall govern all discovery materials  
5 previously produced in this action, to discovery materials produced pending the Court's entry of the  
6 Stipulated Order, and to discovery materials produced subsequent to the Court's entry of the  
7 Stipulated Order.

8 2. "CONFIDENTIAL" MATERIAL

9 "Confidential" material shall include the following documents and tangible things produced  
10 or otherwise exchanged: financial construction bid information, proprietary technical information,  
11 contract pricing information, customer lists, specifications, designs, process information, technical  
12 data, organizing methods, labor or business campaign strategy, internal processes,  
13 marketing/public-relations and business plans.

14 3. ATTORNEY EYES ONLY MATERIAL

15 "ATTORNEY EYES ONLY" material shall include documents and tangible things  
16 produced or otherwise exchanged that contain information which is business, union, and/or  
17 proprietary information regarding future or potential construction, that, if released to competitors or  
18 collective-bargaining counterparts, would confer a competitive advantage, interfere with collective-  
19 bargaining relationships, or interfere with associational-privacy rights protected by the  
20 U.S. Constitution and laws including Section 7 of the National Labor Relations Act, including:  
21 confidential research and development, financial construction bid information, contract pricing  
22 information, proprietary technical information, customer lists, technical data, organizing methods,  
23 labor or business campaign strategy, internal processes, marketing/public-relations and business  
24 plans.

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1 4. SCOPE

2 The protections conferred by this agreement cover not only confidential material (as defined  
3 above), but also (1) any information copied or extracted from confidential material; (2) all copies,  
4 excerpts, summaries, or compilations of confidential material; and (3) any testimony, conversations,  
5 or presentations by parties or their counsel that might reveal confidential material. However, the  
6 protections conferred by this agreement do not cover information that is in the public domain or  
7 becomes part of the public domain through trial or otherwise.

8 5. ACCESS TO AND USE OF CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL

9 5.1 Basic Principles. A receiving party may use confidential material that is disclosed or  
10 produced by another party or by a non-party in connection with this case only for prosecuting,  
11 defending, or attempting to settle this litigation. All “Confidential” documents or “Attorney’s Eyes  
12 Only” documents produced in this case shall be used solely for the purposes of this litigation and no  
13 other purposes. Confidential material may be disclosed only to the categories of persons and under  
14 the conditions described in this agreement. Confidential material must be stored and maintained by  
15 a receiving party at a location and in a secure manner that ensures that access is limited to the  
16 persons authorized under this agreement.

17 5.2 Disclosure of “CONFIDENTIAL” Information or Items. Unless otherwise ordered  
18 by the court or permitted in writing by the designating party, a receiving party may disclose any  
19 confidential material only to:

20 (a) the receiving party’s counsel of record in this action, as well as employees of  
21 counsel to whom it is reasonably necessary to disclose the information for this litigation;

22 (b) the officers, directors, and employees (including house counsel) of the  
23 receiving party to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation, unless the parties  
24 agree that a particular document or material produced is for Attorney’s Eyes Only and is so  
25 designated;  
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1 (c) experts and consultants to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this  
2 litigation and who have signed the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit A);

3 (d) the court, court personnel, and court reporters and their staff;

4 (e) copy or imaging services retained by counsel to assist in the duplication of  
5 confidential material, provided that counsel for the party retaining the copy or imaging service  
6 instructs the service not to disclose any confidential material to third parties and to immediately  
7 return all originals and copies of any confidential material;

8 (f) during their depositions, witnesses in the action to whom disclosure is  
9 reasonably necessary and who have signed the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound"  
10 (Exhibit A), unless otherwise agreed by the designating party or ordered by the court. Pages of  
11 transcribed deposition testimony or exhibits to depositions that reveal confidential material must be  
12 separately bound by the court reporter and may not be disclosed to anyone except as permitted  
13 under this agreement;

14 (g) the author or recipient of a document containing the information or a  
15 custodian or other person who otherwise possessed or knew the information.

16 5.3 Filing Confidential Material. Before filing confidential material or discussing or  
17 referencing such material in court filings, the filing party shall confer with the designating party to  
18 determine whether the designating party will remove the "Confidential" designation, whether the  
19 document can be redacted, or whether a motion to seal or stipulation and proposed order is  
20 warranted. Local Civil Rule 5(g) sets forth the procedures that must be followed and the standards  
21 that will be applied when a party seeks permission from the court to file material under seal.

22 6. Documents previously or hereafter designated "ATTORNEY'S EYES ONLY" shall not be  
23 used for any purpose whatsoever other than the prosecution or defense of this action, and of any  
24 appeal thereof. The parties and counsel for the parties shall not disclose or permit the disclosure of  
25 any such documents designated "ATTORNEY'S EYES ONLY" to any third person or entity except  
26 as set forth in subparagraphs (a) thru (f) below. Subject to these requirements, the following

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categories of persons may be allowed to review documents that have been designated  
“ATTORNEY’S EYES ONLY.”

(a) . Counsel. Counsel for the parties, including house counsel and employees and  
agents of counsel, who have responsibility for the preparation and trial of the action.

(b) The Court. The Court and its personnel.

(c) Court Reporters and Records. Court reporters and recorders engaged in  
depositions.

(d) Persons Creating or Receiving Documents. Any person who authored or  
recorded the designated document, and any person who has previously seen or was previously aware  
of the designated document.

(e) Expert Witnesses and Outside Consultants. Experts and outside consultants to  
the extent required by the expert witness or outside consultant to form an opinion or otherwise render  
the professional service for which he/she was retained.

(f) Others by Consent. Other persons only by written consent of the producing  
party or upon order of the Court and on such conditions as may be agreed or ordered. All such  
persons shall execute the certification contained in Exhibit A.

6.1 Requests to Remove “Attorney’s Eyes Only” Designation. Any party may request  
in writing that the producing party remove the “Attorney’s Eyes Only” designation with regard to  
any document(s) so designated. If the producing party chooses not to remove that designation on  
any such document, the requesting party may petition the Court by motion for an order removing  
such designation.

## 7. DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL

7.1 Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Material for Protection. Each party or  
non-party that designates information or items for protection under this agreement must take care to  
limit any such designation to specific material that qualifies under the appropriate standards. The  
designating party must designate for protection only those parts of material, documents, items, or

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1 oral or written communications that qualify, so that other portions of the material, documents, items,  
2 or communications for which protection is not warranted are not swept unjustifiably within the  
3 ambit of this agreement.

4 Mass, indiscriminate, or routinized designations are prohibited. Designations that are shown  
5 to be clearly unjustified or that have been made for an improper purpose (*e.g.*, to unnecessarily  
6 encumber or delay the case development process or to impose unnecessary expenses and burdens  
7 on other parties) expose the designating party to sanctions.

8 If it comes to a designating party's attention that information or items that it designated for  
9 protection do not qualify for protection, or do not wholly qualify for protection, the designating  
10 party must promptly notify all other parties who received the information that it is withdrawing the  
11 mistaken designation.

12 7.2 Manner and Timing of Designations. Except as otherwise provided in this agreement  
13 (see, *e.g.*, second paragraph of section 5.2(a) below), or as otherwise stipulated or ordered,  
14 disclosure or discovery material that qualifies for protection under this agreement must be clearly so  
15 designated before or when the material is disclosed or produced.

16 (a) Information in documentary form: (*e.g.*, paper or electronic documents and  
17 deposition exhibits, but excluding transcripts of depositions or other pretrial or trial proceedings),  
18 the designating party must affix the word "CONFIDENTIAL" or "ATTORNEY'S EYES ONLY"  
19 to each page that contains confidential material. If only a portion or portions of the material on a  
20 page qualifies for protection, the producing party also must clearly identify the protected portion(s)  
21 (*e.g.*, by making appropriate markings in the margins).

22 (b) Testimony given in deposition or in other pretrial or trial proceedings: the  
23 parties and any participating non-parties must identify on the record, during the deposition,  
24 hearing, or other pretrial proceeding, all protected testimony, without prejudice to their right to so  
25 designate other testimony after reviewing the transcript. Any party or non-party may, within fifteen  
26 days after receiving a deposition transcript, designate portions of the transcript, or exhibits thereto,

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1 as confidential.

2 (c) Other tangible items: the producing party must affix in a prominent place on  
3 the exterior of the container or containers in which the information or item is stored (including, in  
4 the case of electronic information, by naming a folder or subfolder in which electronic documents  
5 are produced) the word "CONFIDENTIAL" OR "ATTORNEY'S EYES ONLY." If only a portion  
6 or portions of the information or item warrant protection, the producing party, to the extent  
7 practicable, shall identify the protected portion(s).

8 7.3 Inadvertent Failures to Designate. If timely corrected, an inadvertent failure to  
9 designate qualified information or items does not, standing alone, waive the designating party's  
10 right to secure protection under this agreement for such material. A party that receives documents  
11 and tangible things produced from a non-party, such as through a subpoena, must wait fifteen (15)  
12 days before it may disclose the documents or its information; this time frame is intended to permit  
13 the other party an opportunity to review the documents and tangible things for potentially  
14 "CONFIDENTIAL" or "ATTORNEY'S EYES ONLY" information. Upon timely correction of a  
15 designation, the receiving party must make reasonable efforts to ensure that the material is treated  
16 in accordance with the provisions of this agreement.

17 8. CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS

18 8.1 Timing of Challenges. Any party or non-party may challenge a designation of  
19 confidentiality at any time. Unless a prompt challenge to a designating party's confidentiality  
20 designation is necessary to avoid foreseeable, substantial unfairness, unnecessary economic  
21 burdens, or a significant disruption or delay of the litigation, a party does not waive its right to  
22 challenge a confidentiality designation by electing not to mount a challenge promptly after the  
23 original designation is disclosed.

24 8.2 Meet and Confer. The parties must make every attempt to resolve any dispute  
25 regarding confidential designations without court involvement. Any motion regarding confidential  
26 designations or for a protective order must include a certification, in the motion or in a declaration

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1 or affidavit, that the movant has engaged in a good faith meet and confer conference with other  
2 affected parties in an effort to resolve the dispute without court action. The certification must list the  
3 date, manner, and participants to the conference. A good faith effort to confer requires a face-to-  
4 face meeting or a telephone conference.

5 8.3 Judicial Intervention. If the parties cannot resolve a challenge without court  
6 intervention, the designating party may file and serve a motion to retain confidentiality under Local  
7 Civil Rule 7 (and in compliance with Local Civil Rule 5(g), if applicable). The burden of  
8 persuasion in any such motion shall be on the designating party. Frivolous challenges, and those  
9 made for an improper purpose (e.g., to harass or impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on other  
10 parties) may expose the challenging party to sanctions. All parties shall continue to maintain the  
11 material in question as confidential until the court rules on the challenge.

12 9. PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED PRODUCED IN OTHER  
13 LITIGATION

14 If a party is served with a subpoena or a court order issued in other litigation that compels  
15 disclosure of any information or items designated in this action as “CONFIDENTIAL” or  
16 “ATTORNEY’S EYES ONLY,” that party must:

17 (a) promptly notify the designating party in writing and include a copy of the  
18 subpoena or court order;

19 (b) promptly notify in writing the party who caused the subpoena or order to  
20 issue in the other litigation that some or all of the material covered by the subpoena or order is  
21 subject to this agreement. Such notification shall include a copy of this agreement; and

22 (c) cooperate with respect to all reasonable procedures sought to be pursued by  
23 the designating party whose confidential material may be affected.

24 10. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL

25 If a receiving party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has disclosed confidential  
26 material to any person or in any circumstance not authorized under this agreement, the receiving

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1 party must immediately: (a) notify in writing the designating party of the unauthorized disclosures;  
2 (b) use its best efforts to retrieve all unauthorized copies of the protected material; (c) inform the  
3 person or persons to whom unauthorized disclosures were made of all the terms of this agreement;  
4 and (d) request that such person or persons both execute the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to  
5 Be Bound" that is attached hereto as Exhibit A and destroy the material improperly received.

6 11. INADVERTENT PRODUCTION OF PRIVILEGED OR OTHERWISE PROTECTED  
7 MATERIAL

8 When a producing party gives notice to receiving parties that certain inadvertently  
9 produced material is subject to a claim of privilege or other protection, the obligations of the  
10 receiving parties are those set forth in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(b)(5)(B). This provision  
11 is not intended to modify whatever procedure may be established in an e-discovery order or  
12 agreement that provides for production without prior privilege review. Parties shall confer on an  
13 appropriate non-waiver order under Fed. R. Evid. 502.

14 12. NON TERMINATION AND RETURN OF DOCUMENTS

15 Within 60 days after the termination of this action, including all appeals, each receiving  
16 party must return all confidential material to the producing party, including all copies, extracts and  
17 summaries thereof. Alternatively, the parties may agree upon appropriate methods of destruction.

18 Notwithstanding this provision, counsel are entitled to retain one archival copy of all  
19 documents filed with the court, trial, deposition, and hearing transcripts, correspondence, deposition  
20 and trial exhibits, expert reports, attorney work product, and consultant and expert work product,  
21 even if such materials contain confidential material, so long as it remains properly designated and  
22 treated as confidential pursuant to the terms of this agreement.

23 The confidentiality obligations imposed by this agreement shall remain in effect until a  
24 designating party agrees otherwise in writing or a court orders otherwise.

1 IT IS SO STIPULATED, THROUGH COUNSEL OF RECORD.  
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3 DATED: December 4, 2017

/s/Christopher L. Hilgenfeld

Christopher L. Hilgenfeld

*Attorneys for Plaintiff*

6 DATED: December 4, 2017

/s/Daniel Hutzenbiler

Daniel Hutzenbiler

8 DATED: December 4, 2017

/s/Paul L. More

Richard G. McCracken

Paul L. More

*Attorneys for Defendant*

12 PURSUANT TO STIPULATION, IT IS SO ORDERED  
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14 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that pursuant to Fed. R. Evid. 502(d), the production of any  
15 documents in this proceeding shall not, for the purposes of this proceeding or any other proceeding  
16 in any other court, constitute a waiver by the producing party of any privilege applicable to those  
17 documents, including the attorney-client privilege, attorney work-product protection, or any other  
18 privilege or protection recognized by law.  
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20 DATED: May 20, 2019

Barbara J. Rothstein

Honorable Barbara J. Rothstein

United States District Court Judge

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1 EXHIBIT A

2 ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND

3 I, \_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full name], of  
4 [print or type full address], declare under penalty of perjury that I have read in its entirety and  
5 understand the Amended Stipulated Protective Order that was issued by the United States District  
6 Court for the Western District of Washington on \_\_\_\_\_ [date] in the case of *Northshore Sheet*  
7 *Metal, Inc. v. Sheet Metal Workers International Association, Local 66, Case No. 15-cv-01349*. I  
8 agree to comply with and to be bound by all the terms of this Amended Stipulated Protective Order  
9 and I understand and acknowledge that failure to so comply could expose me to sanctions and  
10 punishment in the nature of contempt. I solemnly promise that I will not disclose in any manner any  
11 information or item that is subject to this Amended Stipulated Protective Order to any person or  
12 entity except in strict compliance with the provisions of the Order.

13 I further agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Western  
14 District of Washington for the purpose of enforcing the terms of this Amended Stipulated Protective  
15 Order, even if such enforcement proceedings occur after termination of this action.

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17 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

18 City and State where sworn and signed: \_\_\_\_\_

19 Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

20 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
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